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## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

**Title of Invention**      DISTRIBUTION OF NON-ODORIZED GAS

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or  
☒ Application No. 10/621,107, filed on July 15, 2003,  
☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

### FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

Inventor one:      Martin Pearson      Citizen of:      Canada

Signature:      M. Pearson      Date:      Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003

Inventor two:      \_\_\_\_\_      Citizen of:      \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:      \_\_\_\_\_      Date:      \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor three:      \_\_\_\_\_      Citizen of:      \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:      \_\_\_\_\_      Date:      \_\_\_\_\_

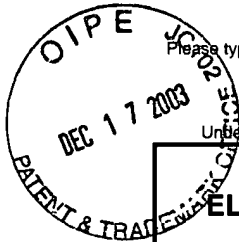
Inventor four:      \_\_\_\_\_      Citizen of:      \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:      \_\_\_\_\_      Date:      \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Additional inventors are being named on \_\_\_\_\_ additional form(s) attached hereto.

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<b>ELECTION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY OR AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT</b>	<b>Application Number</b>	10/621,107
	<b>Filing Date</b>	July 15, 2003
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Martin Pearson
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	130109.454

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☒ Practitioners at Seed IP Law Group PLLC

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☐ Applicant/Inventor.

☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

*Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).*

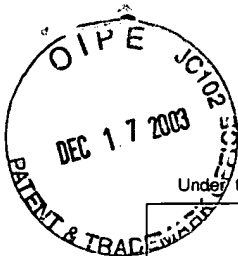
☒ As assignee of record of the entire interest I/we hereby elect, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor.

**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Name	Noordin S.K. Nanji – Vice-President, Corporate Strategy & Development
Signature	
Date	November 4, 2003
Name	Dave Smith – Chief Financial Officer
Signature	
Date	Nov. 4, 2003

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Martin Pearson

Application No./Patent No.: 10/621,107 Filed/Issue Date: July 15, 2003

Entitled: DISTRIBUTION OF NON-ODORIZED GAS

Ballard Power Systems Inc., a corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or  
2. ☐ an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above.  
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OR

- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the  
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- ☐ Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title noted in B above are  
attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

November 4, 2003  
Date

Noordin S.K. Nanji  
Typed or printed name

[Signature]  
Signature

Vice-President, Corporate Strategy &  
Development  
Title

Nov. 4, 2003  
Date

Dave Smith  
Typed or printed name

[Signature]  
Signature

Chief Financial Officer  
Title

## ASSIGNMENT

**COPY**

WHEREAS, I, **Martin Pearson** (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), having a mailing address of 4291 Winnifred Street, Burnaby, British Columbia, CANADA V5J 2S5, am the sole inventor of an invention entitled "**DISTRIBUTION OF NON-ODORIZED GAS**," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on July 15, 2003, and assigned Application No. 10/621,107. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/396,206 filed July 15, 2002.

WHEREAS, **Ballard Power Systems Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of Canada having a place of business at 4343 North Fraser Way, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5J 5J9, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

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Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003  
Date

M. PEARSON  
Martin Pearson

Province of British Columbia )  
Country of Canada ) ss.

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Martin Pearson is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated Nov 3, 2003  
Signature of Notary Public [Signature]  
Printed Name VICTOR TUOMI

My appointment does not expire